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<p align="center">Division of Forensic Science</p> <p align="center">QUESTIONED DOCUMENTS TRAINING MANUAL</p>	<p>Amendment Designator:</p>
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<p align="center">17 COURSE O – FINAL EXAMINATION AND RESEARCH PROJECT</p> <p>17.1 Scope</p> <p>17.1.1 Final comprehensive examination (approximately 40 hours)</p> <p>17.1.2 Research project (approximately 200 hours)</p> <p>17.2 Objective</p> <p>To test the student’s comprehensive knowledge of the technical aspects of forensic document examination, and to familiarize the student with the process of conducting scientific research</p> <p>17.3 Methods of Instruction</p> <p>Self-directed</p> <p>17.4 References</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical articles and texts appropriate to the area of research <p>17.5 Standards</p> <p>17.5.1 The student must be able to explain and demonstrate the ability to adequately conduct a wide variety of questioned document examinations.</p> <p>17.5.2 The student must complete a research project. Subject area can be chosen by the student, but must be approved by the instructor. Research results shall be recorded in a formal scientific paper suitable for presentation at professional meetings, and for publication.</p> <p>17.6 Verification</p> <p>17.6.1 Student must score at least 80 on a comprehensive written test covering material from Courses A through M.</p> <p>17.6.2 Student must demonstrate (to the instructor’s satisfaction) the ability to conduct adequate technical examinations of a variety of document problems covered in Courses A through K.</p> <p>17.6.3 Student must complete a formal research project (to the instructor’s satisfaction) written to the standards outlined for a research paper in the “Information for Authors” section of each Journal of Forensic Sciences.</p> <p>17.6.4 The student will have 240 hours to complete Course O.</p> <p align="right">► End</p>	